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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on October 19, 2007 and is being made within the two month period from mailing of the Final Office Action. Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment After Final be entered in accordance with 37 CFR § 116(a) and with the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) §§ 714.12 and 714.13.

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant Amendment After Final does not raise any new issues and presents the rejected claims "in condition for allowance." [MPEP § 714.12.] Applicants respectfully point out that the only amendment being made to the claims is that that was suggested by the Examiner at page 4 (last sentence of 1<sup>st</sup> rejection).

Detailed reasoning supporting the absence of any new issues and the allowability of the claims as amended follows below after the Remarks section, which section shows support for the Claim 1 amendment. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment After Final be entered, and that the claims as amended be allowed.

Preliminary to further examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as indicated below.